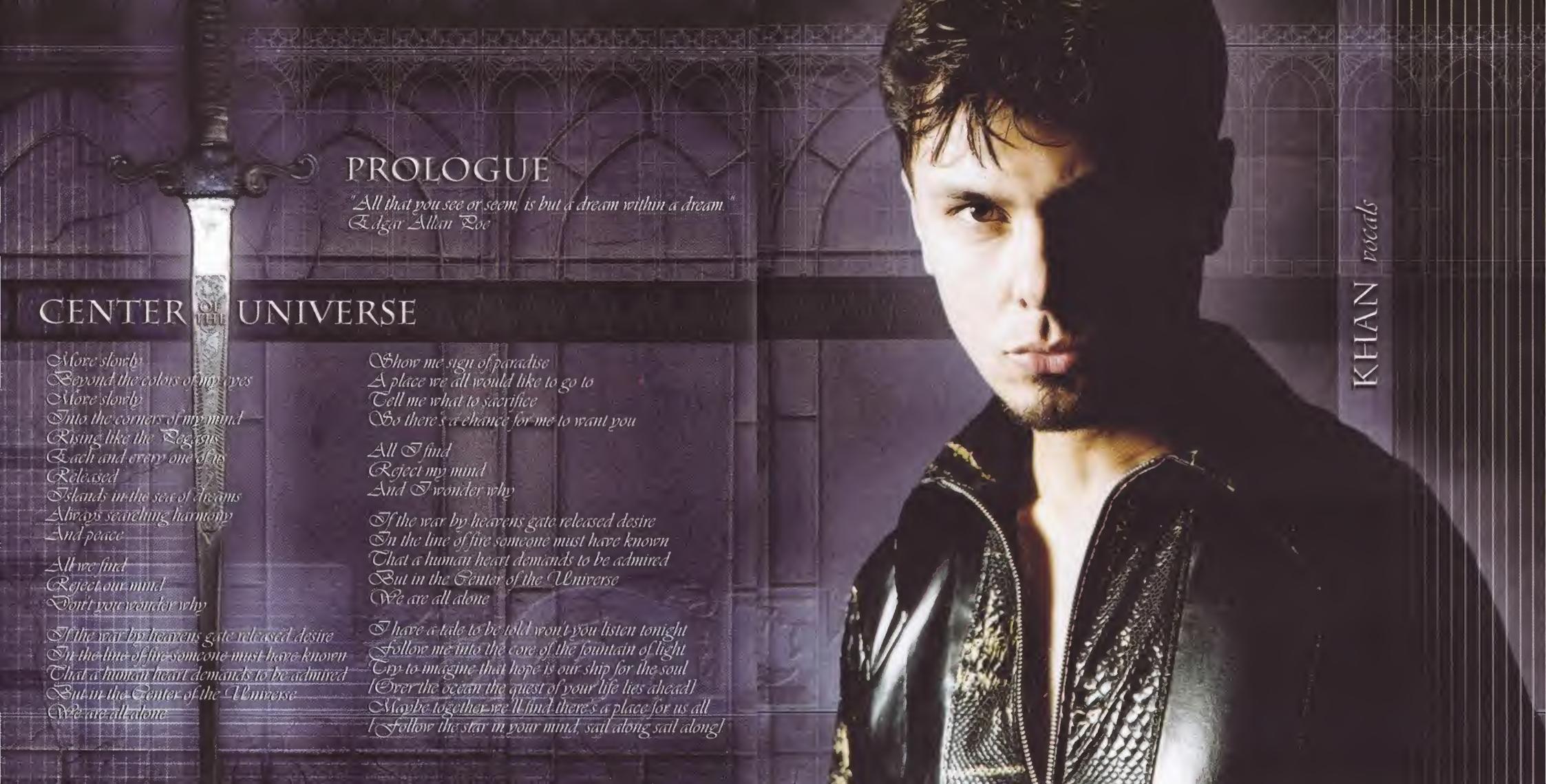


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KHAN vocals

PROLOGUE

"All that you see or seem, is but a dream within a dream."
Edgar Allan Poe

CENTER OF UNIVERSE

More slowly
Beyond the colors of my eyes
More slowly
Into the corners of my mind
Rising like the Sagittus
Each and every one of us
Released
Islands in the sea of dreams
Always searching harmony
And peace
All we find
Reject our mind
Don't you wonder why

If the war by heavens gate released desire
In the line of fire someone must have known
That a human heart demands to be admired
But in the Center of the Universe
We are all alone

Show me sign of paradise
A place we all would like to go to
Tell me what to sacrifice
Do there's a chance for me to want you

All I find
Reject my mind
And I wonder why

If the war by heavens gate released desire
In the line of fire someone must have known
That a human heart demands to be admired
But in the Center of the Universe
We are all alone

I have a tale to be told won't you listen tonight
Follow me into the core of the fountain of light
Try to imagine that hope is our ship for the soul
Over the ocean the quest of your life lies ahead
Maybe together we'll find there's a place for us all
Follow the star in your mind, sail along sail along!



THOMAS YOUNGBLOOD guitars

FAREWELL

Winter's close... and the mountain high
I'll start my journey now
On this planet we call Earth we belong
I want to know
Why did God make me feel
There is more to be answered
Maybe God cannot remedy
Our souls if he tried
I seek peace of mind at least
And to know I did my best
I will pray for those I have loved

I must take your farewell
Carried by destiny
Bound to obey

I must take your farewell
Trails of discovery
Lead me an ocean away

No one holds the only truth in his hand
So who am I
To defy even God
In quest for a reason
There's no time to waste I'm afraid

I must take your farewell
Carried by destiny
Bound to obey

I must take your farewell
Trails of discovery
Lead me an ocean away
So far away

When the tide is high
I won't dwell or wait no longer

INTERLUDE I

(Opiate Soul)

THE EDGE OF PARADISE

Sleepless
Not really quite awake
Where the soul conforms
To deeper needs
Free within frames of custody
Breathe my spirit and exhale

On the edge of paradise
Poison burning
In my veins
Unwilling... compromised
My dreams remain the same
Soothing but yet so violent
In this world within the other world
Moonlight... in visions... heaven sent
I see demon eyes and wings unfurled

On the edge of paradise
Poison burning
In my veins
Unwilling... compromised
My dreams remain the same

On the edge of paradise
Powerless
I sail on by
Undermining life itself
My will to wonder why

WANDER

Recall one summer's night
Within the month of June
Flowers in mahogany hair
And smell of earth in bloom
Only such a melody
Comes without a sound
More than faintly heard by those
Who know what they have found
Now it's just a memory

Silently we wander
Into this void of consequence
My shade will always haunt her
But she will be my guiding light

Silently we wander
In search of truth and confidence
So many hopes were lost here
Along the way
From morning to night

Meet me by the wishing well
In corner of the moon
Whisper to me tenderly
That I will see you soon
Sing that song from long ago
So I remember you
Flowers in mahogany hair
And mellow days in June
Only for the memory

Silently we wander
Into this void of consequence
My shade will always haunt her
But she will be my guiding light

INTERLUDE II

(Omen)

DESCENT OF THE ARCHANGEL

MEPHISTO:

Speak my friend
You look surprised
I thought you knew
I'd come disguised
On angel wings... in white
I can make
Your dreams come true
What a couple...
Me and you
On journey through the night

I will show you everything so vividly
You can't deny me

Silently we wander
In search of truth and confidence
So many hopes were lost here
Along the way
From morning to night
From ashes we were born
In silence we unite

Bathed in moonlight
I'm proclaimed by angels cry
Think well
Do take your time
Because your soul
Will be mine the day you die

Name a pleasure
One... a few
Any form
Of lust in you
Will tremble at my touch
I come down from heaven's light
Share all the perfect alibis
There's so much...

I will show you everything so vividly
You won't deny me

Bathed in moonlight
I'm proclaimed by angels cry
Think well
Do take your time
Because your soul
Will be mine the day you die

Call my name or carry on
Till that last resistance gone
I'm sure we'll meet again

I'm your true disciple
When the flesh desires
You won't deny me

INTERLUDE III

(At the Banquet)

ARIEL:
His invitation was clear
I shut my eyes... and now I'm here

MASTER OF CEREMONIES:
Please make way,
our host is making his entrée!

A FEAST FOR THE VAIN

MEPHISTO:

Everyone is here
The feast can soon begin
Vanity we celebrate
My favourite of sins

ARIEL:

Chandeliers so grand
That heaven sees the shine
And my friend declares
Everything I look at could be mine
It's a miracle

Life till now has been a waste
You have proved to me
By your hand I'm truly graced
Unbelievable
Gold and glitter blinding me

So adorable
All these women from my fantasies

MEPHISTO:
Come with me my little ones
Let's revel for the free
Raise your glass and praise the fact
How easy life can be

ARIEL/EVERYBODY:
In the splendour of the night
We found company
Once again I feel that life's begun
All the wrongs seem to be right
Drowned in ecstasy
Every star is like a newborn sun

May the life I knew be gone
I accept the deal
But one point we have to modify
If I wish to linger on
In a state of still
Only then I'm yours the day I die



ON THE COLDEST WINTER NIGHT

I am breathless
Need I say
How could you find me here
You of all have crossed my way
Unexpectedly from where
I feel like I am dreaming
Hold me close
Tomorrow may be gone

This is a moment
Of belief
This is a moment
Made of dreams
You found me here today
On the coldest winter night
This moment is our right

Now, Helena tell me all
The years we've been apart
Did you hear the mountain fall
My broken heart
Don't wake me if I'm dreaming
Hush, my dear
Because tomorrow may be gone

This is the moment
Not before
This is the moment
Say no more
You found me here today
On the coldest winter night
This moment is our right

LOST & DAMNED

Helena you came to me
When seemingly life had begun
Little did I know then
Where this would go

When this began
Once I was free to fly...
I never promised anything
This may well be goodbye

Don't ask why
Don't be sad
Sometimes we all
Must alter paths we planned
Only try understand
I try to save you

From the lost and damned
Although you hold me close
Feel retention arise
Just as a hint of fear

Like subtle clouds
In summer skies
Once in the moonlight
I can't explain

And I don't know
Somewhat we may reunite
Don't ask why
Don't be sad

Sometimes we all
Must alter paths we planned
Leave me behind
Don't look back

Don't forget what we had
But let me save you
From the lost and damned

Love means nothing to me
If there is a higher place to be

Helena don't you cry
Believe me, I do this for you
Heed my decision now
I will be gone tomorrow noon
My tale has just begun
Nothing can take my faith away
In my quest for the sun

Don't ask why
Don't be sad
Sometimes we all
Must alter paths we planned
Only try understand
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From the lost and damned
Although you hold me close
Feel retention arise
Just as a hint of fear

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HELENA'S THEME

HELENA:

I remember a song
From long ago
Some of the pieces
They remind me of you
How could I know
You were to leave me
I thought that I was that melody
Oh so wrong
I'm but a whisper tonight

And if this is goodbye
I will leave
But I'll love you
Until the end

RIVER SPIRIT:

If the grace of God is real
And the word of Christ cast lead
Bring their souls to heaven's light
Bless the unborn child tonight

INTERLUDE IV

Dawn:

TOWN CRIER:

Hear ye hear ye! The lady
Helena has committed a sin.
Now death lies on her, like an
untimely frost upon the
sweetest flower of all the field.

THE MOURNING AFTER

(Carry On)

I just had a dream
She was by the riverside
Alone and dressed in white
Paling in the cold
Walking on the icy face
On memories of glory days

Carry on
Carry on
Meet me on the other side
Once the mourning after turns to day

Carry on
Carry on
Keep on to the other side
The mourning after slowly fades

How could I have known
Just the thought is simply wild
In her womb a little child
I am left to mourn
On the surface of a dream
In a world that can't be seen

111 WAYS TO EPICA

MEPHISTO:

When you play with fire
You must anticipate some burns
Waiting for desire
Its just a different way to learn

ARIEL: I am defected from God

HELENA: / God has seized my soul

ARIEL: So low redemptions too far

HELENA: / I am heavens sheen!

ARIEL: Shes the one that I loved

HELENA: / Love is all around!

ARIEL: And she tore me apart

HELENA: / The dark can never win!

MEPHISTO:

All that I require
Is some trust as the pages turn
I can take you higher
Cause your will is my concern

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ARIEL:

So long... maybe forever
I must carry on
Why did God take away
That one thing I wanted
Maybe God is the melody
We all serenade

MEPHISTO:

You would not feel sadness
If you never tasted joy
Thats the curse of humans,
Born in passion you destroy

GLENNE BARRY bass



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I never count on yesterday
Because the past can also change
I'll never give myself away
Life is worthwhile on the edge
Words sound so hollow in the cold
Maybe she's forgotten all

I don't remember how
I felt the night she came
Memories spin around
They flow
Don't want to let her down
Moments disappear like shame . like snow

Signs never told me anything
Nothing I could know for sure
I never knew what she would bring
Or what I am to her today
My words
Almost swallowed by the snow
Maybe she's forgotten all

I don't remember how
I felt the night she came
Memories spin around
They flow
Don't want to let her down
Moments disappear like shame . like snow

She is the poison in my mind
The thorns in my head
She has no mountain to be climbed
No faults to regret

I never count on yesterday
Because the past may not exist
I'll never give myself away
When there's reason to resist
Words draped in crystals melt away

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